



VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority
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To: Chief Mark Witherell
From: Officer Stephen Baker
Ref: Annual Use of Force Analysis

Chief Witherell,

As the Best Practices Accreditation Program Manager, I am tasked with completing an annual use of force analysis. Today, with the assistance of Officer Jordan Simmons, I have completed the 2021 Use of Force Analysis. We reviewed all use of force reports submitted by Transit Police Officers and Transit Security Officers from January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.

In 2021, there were 109 incidences of uses of force. (in 2020 there was 107 uses of force)

- There were 27 incidences where physical force was used by officers.
- There were 30 incidences where officers displayed or aimed their Tasers.
- There were 40 incidences where officers deployed their Tasers.
- There were 11 incidences where officers displayed or aimed their firearms.
- There was 1 incidence where an officer deployed their firearm.

Each of the above listed uses of force were investigated by the appropriate supervisor and there was no findings of improper use of force or excessive force.



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There are a few locations that had multiple uses of force.

- Centro Plaza – 15 uses of force – (in 2020 there was 55 uses of force)
- Crossroads Park and Ride – 3 uses of force – (in 2020 there was 12 uses of force)
- Medical Park and Ride – 2 uses of force
- New Braunfels Ave and Center St. – 2 uses of force (in 2020 there was 6 uses of force)
- San Pedro Ave. from IH35 to Cypress street – 10 uses of force. (in 2020 there were 12 uses of force)

I have attached a spread sheet showing the Shift / Date / Time / Location and Type of Force used of all incidences of use of force.

The VIA Metro Transit Police Department had no substantiated complaints of excessive force in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Officer Stephen Baker

Received and approved by:

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Chief Mark Witherell

2021 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Shift	Date	Time	Location	Physical Force	Taser Display	Taser Deploy	Firearm Display	Firearm Deploy
A	10/19	0756	VMC	X				
A	05/24	0925	Plaza		X			
A	06/21	1317	2200 Fredericksburg			X		
A	04/18	0800	Crossroads			X		
A	06/14	0813	Plaza			X		
A	08/31	1206	1000 N. San Pedro			X		
A	09/10	1030	Ingram			X		
A	09/11	0830	5 points			X		
A	06/26	0830	Martin / Cibolo					X
A	06/02	1313	Plaza			X		
A	05/15	0745	900 Main			X		
B	03/24	2135	New Braunfels / Center	X				
B	01/12	1809	7536 San Pedro	X				
B	01/21	1930	San Pedro / Oblate	X				
B	01/22	1618	Crossroads	X				
B	02/08	1934	7145 W. Rock	X				
B	04/11	1552	Plaza	X				
B	03/26	1756	Plaza	X				
B	04/16	1657	Marbach / Westedge	X				
B	05/20	1720	100 N. Gevers	X				
B	07/07	1800	Plaza	X				
B	07/07	1800	Plaza	X				
B	07/07	1750	800 W. Houston	X				
B	08/27	1928	7538 San Pedro	X				
B	09/04	1920	Hildebrand / San Pedro	X				
B	09/04	1915	Hildebrand / San Pedro	X				
B	10/26	1523	700 Navarro	X				
B	04/20	1551	San Pedro / Olmos				X	
B	02/26	2004	Harry Wurzbach / Eisenhaur				X	
B	03/30	1614	Jackson / Marshall				X	
B	04/11	2159	Plaza				X	
B	05/20	1720	100 N. Gevers				X	
B	06/14	2021	Plaza				X	
B	07/03	1720	Frio / Ruiz				X	
B	08/05	1515	2100 IH 35 N				X	
B	07/29	2116	7538 San Pedro				X	
B	08/07	1818	Medical				X	
B	08/15	1731	Plaza				X	
B	08/13	1728	Plaza				X	
B	09/07	1546	5700 Industrial Park				X	
B	10/16	1830	5620 Culebra				X	
B	11/11	1905	500 Ruiz				X	

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B	11/12	2053	McCreless			X		
B	11/10	1136	1600 N. Zarzamora			X		
B	12/28	1620	700 W. Commerce			X		
B	06/14	2024	Plaza				X	
B	08/07	1838	Medical				X	
B	12/18	2108	2400 Renwick		X			
B	03/05	1843	35 / Laredo		X			
B	05/22	1954	600 N. Frio		X			
B	06/25	1533	SW Transfer Point		X			
B	07/07	2104	10700 Wurzbach		X			
B	07/09	1834	6400 Vance Jackson		X			
B	07/24	1701	Potrano / Mabe		X			
B	08/13	2146	Plaza		X			
B	09/07	1546	5700 Industrial Park		X			
B	09/26	2145	St. Mary's / Nueva		X			
B	09/26	2145	St. Mary's / Nueva		X			
B	10/08	1449	Police Department		X			
B	11/06	2124	Zarzamora / Ruiz		X			
B	04/20	1553	San Pedro / Olmos					X
C	08/17	0040	Plaza	X				
C	07/19	2222	Rivas / Poplar	X				
C	05/08	0325	200 N. Comal	X				
C	05/08	0241	VMC	X				
C	05/08	0325	200 N. Comal	X				
C	03/29	2230	Plaza	X				
C	02/19	1030	Frio / Martin	X				
C	02/05	2050	Crossroads	X				
C	01/29	1941	Randolph	X				
C	01/29	0108	New Braunfels / Center	X				
C	11/15	2337	300 San Pedro			X		
C	10/25	0314	3900 Fredericksburg			X		
C	09/26	0045	600 Ruiz			X		
C	10/04	0145	3700 Fredericksburg			X		
C	09/17	2350	300 San Pedro			X		
C	09/14	0100	300 San Pedro			X		
C	08/24	0243	10000 Silicon			X		
C	08/21	0551	2600 Buena Vista			X		
C	07/23	0257	Hwy 90 / Military			X		
C	05/13	0013	500 W. Myrtle			X		
C	02/24	0345	Travis / Soledad			X		
C	02/24	0345	Travis / Soledad			X		
C	01/30	2021	Zarzamora/ Martin			X		
C	01/29	2230	Northstar			X		
C	01/25	2246	San Pedro / Hwy 35			X		

Shift	Date	Time	Location	Physical Force	Taser Display	Taser Deploy	Firearm Display	Firearm Deploy
C	01/25	2245	San Pedro / Hwy 35			X		
C	12/13	0120	410 Fair Ave				X	
C	09/17	2250	Graham Central Sta.				X	
C	07/01	0043	San Pedro / Euclid				X	
C	07/01	0045	San Pedro / Euclid				X	
C	07/01	0120	310 San Pedro				X	
C	05/08	0241	VMC				X	
C	02/14	0210	800 Euclid				X	
C	02/14	0212	800 Euclid				X	
C	12/20	0300	Cypress / Maverick		X			
C	12/20	0305	Poplar / Cypress		X			
C	10/22	0105	Admin Bldg.		X			
C	10/01	0250	Fredericksburg / Culebra		X			
C	09/30	0316	900 Main		X			
C	09/15	0325	Main / Euclid		X			
C	09/05	0301	1600 Roosevelt		X			
C	08/30	2350	800 Main		X			
C	06/29	2337	Main / Quincy		X			
C	06/29	2333	Main / Elmira		X			
C	06/30	2330	900 Main		X			
C	03/27	0451	Kel-Lac		X			
C	01/30	1615	Salinas / Zarzamora		X			
C	01/25	2245	San Pedro / Elmira		X			

A Shift

Physical Force	1
Taser Display	3
Taser Deployed	6
Firearm Display	1
Firearm Deployed	0
A-Shift Total	11

B Shift

		All Shifts
Physical Force	16	Physical Force 27
Taser Display	13	Taser Display 30
Taser Deployed	18	Taser Deployed 40
Firearm Display	2	Firearm Display 11
Firearm Deployed	1	Firearm Deployed 1
B-Shift Total	50	Total Use of Force 109

C Shift

Physical Force	10
Taser Display	14
Taser Deployed	16
Firearm Display	8
Firearm Deployed	0
C-Shift Total	48





